

Re: OMHA Respect Integration Implementation

Dear Parents,

In an ongoing effort to foster a safe and enjoyable environment for our athletes in our great game, the OMHA is implementing a plan to ensure the OMHA is a complete Respect integrated organization.

Effective August 31, 2014, at least one parent or guardian of each player registered in the OMHA will be required to complete the online Respect in Sport Parent Education Program as a condition of their child's participation.

The Respect in Sport parent program is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game. This portion of the program is only one of the three pillars of our respect platform. The Respect in Sport Activity Leader program is currently a condition of participation for all Team Officials (Bench Staff), and will be a requirement for all on-ice Volunteers and all on-ice referees (Age 16 and above), effective August 31, 2014. Through this mandate, all stakeholders will be introduced to Respect education when considering the needs of our athletes.

The **South Bruce Minor Hockey Association** (SBMHA) will be responsible for implementing these requirements as established by the OMHA and requires your support and cooperation with ensuring the completion of this certification. The details of how and where to access the program will be conveyed via the SBMHA website as well as the bulletin boards in each arena. Please watch for these important postings. You are encouraged to provide feedback upon completion of the program, to provide your insights on optimizing program content, and system functionality.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of SBMHA, thank you for your commitment to the safety, enjoyment and success of your child, and all OMHA participants.

Sincerely,

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